

REMARKS

An RCE is being filed concurrently with this Reply, whereby the Amendment and Reply filed on November 2, 2004, is being entered by way of the filing of the RCE.

Please note that claims 11 and 13 are not withdrawn from consideration, contrary to the indications made in the Advisory Action mailed on November 29, 2004. Those claims were included in the rejections made in the final Office Action mailed August 4, 2004, and those claims were unamended in the (now-entered) reply filed on November 2, 2004.

Accordingly, claims 11 and 13 should be considered for patentability, along with the other pending claims (1, 4-6, 9, 10, 12, 17, 20-26, 29, 30, and 33-38).

Respectfully submitted,

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